technological advancement and expansion of activities in the various sectors of the economy. While the job opportunities for the matric/higher secondary pass and engineering diploma-holders would emanate from both the organised and unorganised sectors of the economy, those for the higher categories would be generated primarily in industry, banking, transport, communication and public services. Apart from the traditional service sectors, there would be a notable growth in the demand for manpower for implementing the Plan programmes at different levels, especially with the new emphasis on decentralised planning.

As regards self-employment opportunities to graduates in Science and Engineering and to diploma-holders in engineering, in January, 1982, the Government had created the National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board which has initiated a number of activities. The unemployed graduate engineers can avail financial assistance under the scheme for professionals and self-employed persons from commercial banks which constitute an important segment of priority sector advances.

Musk Extraction

2313. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that musk is painfully scraped out of the musk pod with knife while the musk deer struggles to escape;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban the musk extraction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There is no report with the Central Government to the effect that musk is painfully scraped out of the musk pod with a knife while the deer struggles to escape.

(b) and (c) Extraction of musk from wild musk deer, alive or dead, is totally banned.

The musk deer is listed in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(d) Does not arise.

Produts Identified for World Bank Assistance

2314. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the products which have been identified for assistance under World Bank ten million dollar market fund (EMF);

(b) whether these include computer software besides engineering goods;

(c) what are the terms for receiving this assistance by the private sector; and

(d) the details of the progress and success achieved in the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Products identified for assistance under Export Marketing Fund (EMF) as originally conceived by the World Bank are given below. It may be noted that other items can also be considered by prior agreement:

—Auto ancillaries, spares

—Bicycles, parts

—Commercial vehicles, scooters

—Diesel engines, pumps

—Electric Motors, starters
—Hand tools
—Machine tools, accessories
—Castings, forgings
—Chemical, process plants
—Industrial Valves
—Computer Software.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Finance is offered by way of grant to meet 50 per cent of the cost of market development activities. The objective is to accelerate export growth of target products especially in industrialised markets.

(d) The programme became effective on June 23, 1986. Out of US$ 10 million earmarked for this Fund, the position as on 10th March, 1987 is as follows :

(i) Number of proposals approved — 21

(ii) Amount approved Rs. 116 lakhs.

(iii) Disbursement made Rs. 10.6 lakhs.

ACC Dwarka

2315. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Associated Cement Company's Dwarka Unit is on the verge of closure;

(b) how many workers are likely to be rendered unemployed due to the closure of this unit;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the workers regarding the affairs of ACC's Dwarka Unit; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or are proposing to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Gujarat, the management of the Associated Cement Company employing over 1300 workers had submitted an application under Section 25(O) of the Industrial Disputes Act to the State Government seeking permission to close down their unit at Dwarka.

(c) The State Government have received representations from the Workers' Union seeking revival of the unit.

(d) The application filed under Section 25(O) of the Industrial Disputes Act for permission to close down the unit was rejected by the State Government on 1.2.87. The company has once again sought a review of the State Government's Order on 11.3.87 which is under the examination of the Government of Gujarat.

2316. [*Transferred to the 19th March, 1987.*]

Attempts by Banks to Evadt Application of Industrial Disputes Act

2317. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Grindlays Bank, P.L.C. and other foreign banks operating in the country have kept a small band of employees under the various glorified designations like 'Management Staff' for avoiding the application of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take against these institutions for indulging in unfair labour practices?